

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: October 3, 2012
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Baier; Committee Members: Martinson, Rudolph, Shidell, Sorensen. Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley. Corp Counsel, Brian Desmond.

OTHERS: Bill Welsh, Lester Felbab, OCATVA. Guy Hansen, RASTA, Manny Oradei, DNR.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 9:00 a.m. Chair Baier called the meeting to order, noting that it had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION— It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Martinson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2012 Forestry Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT--Fiene reported the Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue is at \$695,424.40. One Timber Sale for Disposition. It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Martinson to approve the closure and to return the deposit to NW Hardwoods, Inc.

MOSQUITO CREEK SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE—There were no public comments on the disposition of the Mosquito Creek Snowmobile Bridge near Clearwater Lake.

TOWN OF LYNNE, WILLOW ROAD LETTER—David Schatzley expressed concern at the 14 mile roadway beginning to deteriorate in a unusually short time. The town feels it is caused by all the logging truck traffic. Baier suggested calling the contractor to repair the road or explain why it is already failing. Bilogan added that the road is eligible for discounted crushed gravel from County pits since it is adjacent to county forest lands. Shidell asked if load limits would be helpful. Baier explained the load limits and exception for townships. Schatzley will look at options.

TIMBER SALES ON US FOREST SERVICES LAND—Jane Sievert from WCFA updated the committee on the US Government's plan to move forward with timber sales. Baier commented that the sales would contribute to the Northwoods communities in many ways, not just the sale of timber. Jane stated that there are many projects waiting that have made it through litigation, but now the Feds are low on personnel who have do the work. Some counties are preparing resolutions to urge the US Forest Service to action on the sales, some are requesting the land be returned to the counties.

It is anticipated that the Committee may enter into Closed Session under Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wis Stat. Sec 19.85(1)(e). Roll call vote: All Aye. The issues to be discussed and acted upon will be snowmobile trail rights and snowmobile bridge ownership.

THE COMMITTEE WILL RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND MAY RATIFY ANY

MATTER(S) DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION—It was moved by Shidell and seconded by Sorenson to return to Open session. All Aye. Motion passed in closed session and read after returning to open session. Martinson moved to offer the bridge to the landowner, Sorenson seconded. All aye. Item will placed on a future agenda to discuss terms of the offer.

ATV BID OPENING—It was moved by Sorensen and seconded by Martinson to accept the sole bid of \$5656.00 from Trackside to replace the 1998 Polaris currently in use. All aye, motion carried.

LAND SALE SOLICITATION. S1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4 Sec. 27, T36N R4E & SW1/4 SW1/4 Sec. 27, T36N R4E is being offered for sale. It was moved by Rudolph and seconded by Martinson, to take no action on the land sale, as it is not advantageous to the County.

STAFF ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL WCFA MEETING IN CHIPPEWA FALLS.—The annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 2, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. It was moved by Sorenson and seconded by Rudolph to allow Forestry staff and committee members to attend. All aye. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. It was moved by Martinson and seconded by Rudolph to approve the expenditures. All aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S): Review existing fee schedules. Advance stumpage reports. Mosquito Bridge update. Forest Service resolution. Oneida County Timber Sale bid awards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—*Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 9:00 a.m.*

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Shidell, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY